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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

My name is Travis Baugh. Please do not enact the USTelecom proposition. This proposition is more than just about competition. It is about jobs and the Economy.

I worked at Socket Telecom PLC for almost 6 years. Sure, we were competitive, but it is about a lot more than that. Socket gives people opportunities to learn and gain real life experience. While I was the Technical Support Supervisor, I hired, trained, and promoted many new employees. We would hire people fresh out of college, give out internships, and hire people that know about computers, but only have fast food experience. I left Socket, but the experience secured me a great job at Veterans United Home Loans. All thanks to Socket, the small ISP.

Small ISP's are a breeding ground to give people highly technical experience, and develop people to become better employees for their entire career. They enable people to learn that team mentality, how to take care of people, and enrich the lives of their community by offering critical internet services.

Please oppose the USTelecom proposition, not only for the employees of these providers, but to provide another choice to everyone who uses internet services.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Travis Baugh